with the Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and other State Parties. Action will be taken to designate or establish a National Authority in India in due course.

The Convention also prescribes a detailed regime of declarations comprising initial declarations, annual declarations of past activities, anticipated activities and additionally planned activities in respect of plants, plant sites, scheduled chemicals and unscheduled discrete organic chemicals including their transfer. These declarations would be verified by a team of International inspectors constituted by the Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the OPCW at the Hague is undertaking various activities including training of personnel from various countries to facilitate the effective implementation of various obligations under the convention.

A budgetary provision has been made in the budget of the Department to safeguard the interests of the Indian Chemical Industry including its sensitization, training of personnel and their activities pertaining to the effective implementation of the Convention.

Reduction in the Price of Refampicin

6585. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to reduce the price of Refampicin but is yet to be given effect to;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision to reduce the price of Refamoicin is not acceptable to some major pharmaceuticals of the country;

(c) if so, on what basis these pharmaceuticals are objecting to reduction in its price and other constraints if any in implementing this decision; and

(d) the manner in which Government is likely to overcome these objections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Current Ceilng Prices of Grisofluvin

6586. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2491 given in Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1994 and state:

(a) the current ceiling prices of Grieofluvin tablets packwise when were they fixed and what is the price of Griseofluvin on which they are based; and

(b) the current notified price of Griseofluvin, the quantity imported and landed cost of import during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The ceiling price for Griseofluvin tablet 125mg for 10's pack was fixed at Rs. 5.58 on 6.1.1995. This price is based on the DGHS weighted average import price of the bulk drug during the period April-June, 1994.

(b) The notified price of Griseoflurin is Rs. 3691|-kg. As reported by DGHS. during 1993.94 a quantity of 32060|kg was imported into the country, through different ports at landed cost of Rs. 1338.28|kg.

Recovering of the overcharged amount

6587. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Paragraph 15 of Drug Prices Control Order (DPCO), 1987 enjoined upon Government to recover the amount owercharged;

(b) the details of notices issued in respect of overcharging under DPCO, 1987, when was each notice issued and whether the file of one leading defaulter vanished from the records when the present officer concerned incharge of recovery was the Desk Officer;

(c) if so, the full details and action taken against the Officer and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the products involved in this case and why the amount due has not been worked out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Fertilizers

6588. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dalmias propose to set up a one million tonne Urea Plant (1800 TPD Ammonia with a 3000 TPD Urea in the State of Karnataka) as reported in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 21st April, 1995; if so, which other Groups have been given permission to set up such fertilizers plants in the country indicating location thereof; and

(b) whether Government have finalised Indo-EEC Fertilizers Education Programme so as to provide improved package of agricultural practices in India including efficient and balanced use of fertilizers to the farmers, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1991, industrial licensing has been abolished for the fertilizers industry. Therfore, entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer plants any where in India subject to environmental clearance. Dalmias have not formally intimated their plan to set up a fertilizer plant in Karnataka. M|s. Escorts Ltd. have asked for naphtha alocation for setting up a ammonia-urea plant in Punjab. Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. have sought allocation of natural gas for putting up a gas-based ammonia urea plant in Assam M|s. Nagrjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. have intimated their plants to expand the capacity of their gas-based ammonia-urea plant at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh). IFFCO is currently implementing projects for expansion of the capacities of their ammonia-urea plants at Kalol (Gujarat), Aonla (Uttar Pradesh) and Phulpur (Uttar Pradesh). M|s. National Fertilizers Ltd. are implementing a project for expansion of the capacity of their ammonia-urea plant at Bijaipur (Madhaya Pradesh).) Likewise, M|s. Madras Fertilizers Ltd. are also currently implementing a project for modernisation| expansion of their existing fertilizer plants at Manali (Madras).

(b) Indo-EEC Fertilizer Education Programme has been posed for EEC funding.

Threat by Workers of Fertilizer sector

6589. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer sector workers have threatened a nationwides stir over the proposed closure of the Haldia and Gorakhpur fertilizers plants in the public sector;

(b) if so, Government's reaction to such a threat; and

(c) whether Government will revive these two fertilizer units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Fertilizers Workers Federation of India, in a resolution passed by them in April, 1995, have expressed their deep concern over the reported earmarking of Haldia Project of Hindus-